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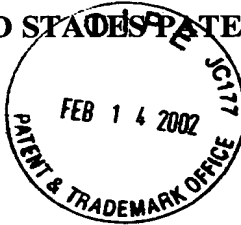
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Sir:

This submission is intended to supplement the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 6, 2001.

The undersigned attorney now has obtained and provides copies of three (3) additional items that were cited in the International Search Report. More specifically, copies of U.S. Patent No. 4,628,027, International Publication No. WO94/14070 and "Degenerative Disk Disease of the Lumbar Spine" are provided.

Applicants additionally provide copies of thirteen (13) items that are identified in the Specification.

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The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

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